

THE RING'S MAN KETCHAM.

**THE EX-COMMISSIONER BIDS ADIEU
TO HIS OLD HAUNTS.**

**A Lingering Farewell With the Employees—
An Affecting Good-Bye—His Successor
Dons the Harness and Goes to Work.**

The recently appointed District Commissioner, Hon. J. B. Bryan, to succeed Gen. John H. Ketchum, entered upon the discharge

of his duties yesterday. It was near 10 o'clock when the new District official entered Columbia Building, which he did so quietly as not to attract any notice, even from a few of the employees, who happened to be near the entrance. He proceeded directly to the Com-

missioner's office, and was met by ex-Governor Wm. Dennison and Capt. J. L. Phelps, his colleagues, who extended him a warm and cordial welcome.

Ex-Commissioner Ketcham, whose term of office expired last Saturday, was still hang-

longing glances at the desk he had as long as occupied, and from whence the fat jobs had been cooked up and fed out to the pet ring contractors. He did not get much sympathy from his old colleagues, who manifested no interest in him, but, on the contrary, on his return

From desk to desk and room to room he hurried on, displaying astonishing regard for the clerks and a degree of interest for their welfare that had never been manifested before. This conduct, so at variance with his previous

arbitrary, dictatorial behavior, surprised the employees, and they were at a loss to understand what had caused it. The fact finally leaked out that he wanted to leave behind him the name of having been "good to the boys," and thought that a parting shake of the hand would assist in making that impression.

He finished the calling business between 10 and 11 o'clock, and then left the building. It is to be hoped forever. On the sidewalk he turned and gave a parting look to the exterior, heaved a sigh at his departed greatness and opportunities for disinterestedly serving steadfast friends, and then stepped into a car-

riage and was driven from view. It need not be said that the place will know him no more, and for his name will indelibly stand in the records of the office so long as the evidences of his partiality in the award of contracts exists and the injustice to the tax-payers of this District shall endure.

received a balm to the troubled spirit in the nature of a communication signed by a number of prominent citizens. This paper savored of soft-solder, and was a free application of whitewash on the ex-Commissioner's official course during his membership in the board. Some curiosity was exhibited by parties who

learned of the letter to see the names of the prisoners. When they were obtained, surprise was expressed at certain of the signatures appearing affixed to a letter of commendation of that nature, as it was believed that some of the gentlemen had expressed disapproval of the ex-Commissi-
sioner's course in some instances, and unless

influence had been brought to bear, they would hardly unite in giving him such a flattering certificate of character on being discharged from service. On inquiry, it was ascertained that the letter was gotten up under the supervision of Mr. Henry A. Willard, once a member of the Board of Public Works, and one

Commissioner Bryan had hardly become installed in his position before he was overruled by friends desirous of pouring their congratulations upon him, and wishing that success might attend him in the triple admini-

The new Commissioner was in good fortune in all that he did and in such places as

crised both caution and deliberation. His colleagues are gradually making him acquainted with the routine of the office, and he takes to the work with remarkable ease and quickness. There will be a slight change in the location of desks: Captain Phelps coming nearest to the door, where ex-Commissioner

The latter portion of the day the Communists were in close conversation, with the outer door closed.

THE REIGN OF THE STORM-KING.

Another destructive wind storm passed over the central portion of Indiana Saturday evening, causing considerable damage to crops and dwellings.

ing near Franklin. The house of Mr. Brunner was demolished, killing the entire family of five persons, and the house of Geo. Frost was torn to pieces, killing the entire family six persons.

down and two children killed and others badly injured. The cattle, standing crookedly in the fields, were killed in the barns, forests, and orchards suffered severely. In Morgan county several houses are reported blown down and many persons injured, two of them children, who have since died. A school-house was carried fifty yards down

Corn, waist high, was literally torn
aboard, and plowed ground carried away. The

A train eastward bound on the Pan Han road was overtaken by the tornado near Knightstown, and a tree fell across the forward end of the postal car, crushing it.

doing no other damage, as the train was moving slowly. At 10 o'clock this morning severe thunder and heavy rain storm was in progress here and westward.

The arrest of Senar Zorilla, which took place on Saturday, had not been demanded by the Spanish Government. It is stated the proprietors of the hotel in which General Izquierdo, ex Deputy Minister and Senar Zorilla resided, offered them a large sum of money to help them in their fight against the French Government. The police, at the time of the arrest, were informed of this offer.

Bismarck on the Wing.
BERLIN, July 2.—Prince Bismarck, reached here yesterday, remained only a short time. He left at noon for Rehdenhausen, where he will proceed to Froelichsburg, returning to Varel.

The Pope Seriously Ill Again.
LONDON, July 3.—A *Daily News* special dated Rome, Monday, says: The Pope was ill yesterday and to-day that many Bishops were about to leave Rome postponed their departure.

A new romantic drama, entitled "Shadow of a Doubt," was produced in San Francisco on June 25, 1934, by Charles F. Oughlen in the leading role.